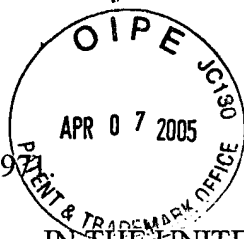


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2005, Applicant elects, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of Group I (Claims 1-7) and Species 3 (Fig. 32). Claims 1 and 4 read on the elected species, and Claim 1 is deemed generic to all four Species identified in the Office Action.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

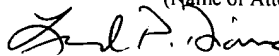
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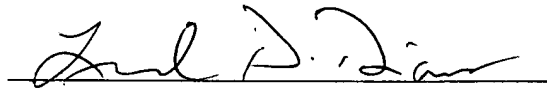
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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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